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AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4580

E.O. 11652: GDS - DECLAS MAY 1, 1975

TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W)

SUBJECT: UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON TRAVEL

REF: STATE 076166

1. FROM REFTEL WE NOTE THAT IF PLANE FROM AMMAN ARRIVES BEIRUT ON SCHEDULE UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON AND PARTY WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY A TWO HOUR 40 MINUTE LAYOVER AT THE AIRPORT. WOULD BE GLAD ARRANGE BRIEF TOUR AROUND THE CITY. IF UNDERSECRETARY WOULD LIKE MEET WITH EMBOFFS WE NOTE THERE ARE NO FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT WHICH PERMIT PRIVATE CONVERSATION. THEREFORE WOULD SUGGEST WE TAKE UNDERSECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WHICH IS NEARER TO AIRPORT THAN DOWNTOWN WHERE HE WOULD HAVE APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES TO RELAX OR TALK WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. (AIRPORT BEIRUT IS ABOUT 15 MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE RESIDENCE AND BETWEEN 20 AND 30 MINUTE DRIVE FROM DOWNTOWN BEIRUT.)

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE UNDERSECRETARY AND HIS PARTY'S BRIEF STAY IN BEIRUT AS PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO DURING HIS STOPOVER. UNFORTUNATELY AMBASSADOR HAS ENGAGEMENT 1200 DOWNTOWN BEIRUT BUT PLANS MEET UNDERSECRETARY ON ARRIVAL. GODLEY

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